

Proposal Overview

Proposed Charter Overview								
Charter Type:	Mayoral	Year Opening:	2022-23					
Location of School: TBD within enrolling communities		Grade Levels (At-Scale):	K-12					
Enrolling Communities: Central Falls, North Providence, Providence		Enrollment (At-Scale):	2,186					

Summary of Proposal

- EARI will partner with Excel Academy Charter Schools, a charter school operator based in Massachusetts that was founded to close the opportunity gap for low-income students of color
- The Excel Academy model has a track record of success in raising student achievement, particularly for differently-abled and multilingual learners
- The applicant group includes the mayors of the City of Providence, the City of Central Falls, the town of North Providence, the CEO of Excel Academy, and an Excel Academy employee (who is also a Providence resident)

Proposed Enrollment									
Charter Year	School Year	Grades	Total Student Enrollment						
Year 1	2022-23	K-1, 5	166						
Year 2	2023-24	K-2, 5-6	444						
Year 3	2024-25	K-3, 5-7	892						
Year 4	2025-26	K-8	1,228						
Year 5	2026-27	K-9	1,510						
Year 6	2027-28	K-10	1,738						
Year 7	2028-29	K-11	1,910						
Year 8	2029-30	K-12	2,079						
Year 9 (at scale)	2030-31	K-12	2,186						

Enrollment Assumptions & Comparisonⁱ

Demographics of Enrolling Communities									
Demographics (%)	Central Falls	North Providence	Providence	State Avg.					
Economically Disadvantaged	95.0	46.6	84.5	47.7					
Multi-Lingual Learners	48.0	4.7	33.1	10.7					



Differently-abled students	20.8	17.0	14.7	15.7
Minority students	85.7	43.7	91.8	44.8

How does the charter's projected enrollment fit within the overall portfolio of enrolling districts?										
Enrollment Category Central Falls North Providence										
Total # of students enrolled in each district	2,878	3,584	23,836							
EARI's at-scale enrollment as a % of each enrolling district's enrollment	7.6%	6.1%	7.3%							
Total # of students residing in each enrolling community ⁱⁱ	4,534	4,052	29,650							
EARI's at-scale enrollment as a % of total # of students residing in each enrolling community	4.8%	5.4%	5.9%							

Educational & Programmatic Impact Analysisiii

2019 RICAS Grades 3-8 Performance Comparison

RICAS	English Language Arts (% Meets & Exceeds)						Mathematics (% Meets & Exceeds)			
Results	Proposed Charter	Central Falls	North Prov.	Prov.	State	Proposed Charter	Central Falls	North Prov.	Prov.	State
Grade 3	-	25.5	45.3	26.4	47.9	-	13.9	34.4	17.0	36.1
Grade 4	-	12.0	33.3	15.2	37.2	-	12.9	24.8	14.1	32.6
Grade 5	-	13.0	36.3	19.9	39.1	-	9.1	25.1	12.9	30.1
Grade 6	-	11.6	46.6	18.0	39.1	-	**	26.8	12.2	27.9
Grade 7	-	6.5	42.7	8.6	31.5	-	**	24.2	8.0	27.6
Grade 8	-	5.6	47.4	14.9	36.3	-	**	30.3	7.0	24.5

2019 RICAS Subgroup Performance Comparison

RICAS Results	AS Results English Language Arts (% Meets/Exceeds)					Mathematics (% Meets/Exceeds)		
All Tested Grades Demographic Breakdown	All	Econ Disadv.	Multi- Lingual	Differently -abled	All	Econ Disadv.	Multi- Lingual	Differently -abled
Proposed Charter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State	36.5	22.5	7.9	6.1	29.8	15.7	6.3	5.0
Central Falls	12.6	12.6	*	**	7.9	8.3	*	**



North Providence	42.1	34.1	17.5	6.3	27.5	20.0	8.2	**
Providence	17.2	15.2	5.5	11.4	11.9	10.4	**	**

2019 SAT 11th Grade Performance Comparison with Charter, District, and State Results

	English Lar	nguage Arts	Mathematics		
SAT Results	Average Scale Score	% Students Meets/Exceeds	Average Scale Score	% Students Meets/Exceeds	
Proposed Charter			-	-	
Central Falls	390	390 14.1		6.1	
N. Providence	481	49.6	472	26.1	
Providence	425	25.5	414	14.8	
State	483	50.5	474	31.2	

SAT Results	English	English Language Arts (% Meets/Exceeds)				Mathematics (% Meets/Exceeds)			
Demographic Breakdown	All	Econ Disadv.	Multi- Lingual	Differently -abled	All	Econ Disadv.	Multi- Lingual	Differently -abled	
Proposed Charter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Central Falls	14.1	12.6	**	**	6.1	5.8	**	**	
N. Providence	49.6	39.1	*	**	26.1	17.4	*	**	
Providence	17.2	15.2	5.5	11.4	11.9	10.4	**	**	
State	36.5	22.5	7.9	6.1	29.8	15.7	6.3	5.0	

Student Demand Analysis for Grade K-12 Charter Seatsiv									
Central Falls North Providence Providence									
Number of 2020-21 Charter Applications by community for grades K-12:	1512	330	11,776						
Number of 2020-21 Charter Seats Offered by community for grades K-12:	255	31	948						
What % of 2020-21 grades K-12 lottery applicants by community were offered a seat?	17%	9%	8%						



Fiscal Impact Analysis

Educational funding dollars follow each child to the school of their choice. The following analysis projects the total amount of funding that would follow students to the school of their choice, commensurate with the size of the requested expansion.

Enrolling Community Student Funding Projections	Proje	ected Per-Pupil Fur	nding
	Central Falls	N. Providence	Providence
Local Share – Projected FY21 per-pupil funding for each resident student ^v	\$3,388 per-pupil	\$8,828 per-pupil	\$4,570 per-pupil
State Share – Projected FY21 per-pupil funding for each resident student ^{vi}	\$13,550 per- pupil	\$6,936 per-pupil	\$11,806 per- pupil
Federal Share – Projected FY21per-pupil funding for each resident student ^{vii}	\$2,762 per-pupil	\$773 per-pupil	\$2,000 per-pupil
Projected FY21total per-pupil funding for each resident Student (i.e. RIDE projects this amount of total local + state federal per-pupil funding for each Providence student in FY21)	\$19,700 per- pupil	\$16,537 per- pupil	\$18,376 per- pupil
Less: 7% withheld from the local share of per pupil funding per pupil for "fixed or unique" costsviii	\$237 per-pupil	\$954 & \$902 pp (retirement adjustment)	\$320 per-pupil
Local Share – Projected FY21per-pupil funding for each resident student, less the 7% withheld for "fixed or unique" costs	\$3,151 per-pupil	\$6,972 per-pupil	\$4,250 per-pupil
Projected FY21total per-pupil funding for each resident Student (excluding funds withheld for "fixed or unique costs")	\$19,463 per- pupil	\$14,681 per- pupil	18,056 per-pupil

Total Pupil Funding Projections, Commensurate with Expansion Proposal: Central Falls

Fiscal Year	Proposed Charter Projected Enrollment		Projected Total Local Share Pupil Funding commensurate	Projected Total Local Share Per Pupil Funding as % of local FY19	Projected Total Pupil Funding (Local+State+ Federal) commensurate	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique
	Total	Central Falls	with new charter proposal	Total Expenditures ^{ix}	with new charter proposal	Costs (to district)
2022-23 (Year 1)	166	17	\$53,567	0.10%	\$330,871	\$4,029
2026-27 (5 years)	1,510	151	\$475,801	0.90%	\$2,938,913	\$35,787
2030-31 (at scale)	2,186	219	\$690,069	1.30%	\$4,262,397	\$51,903



<u>Key implication:</u> RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2030-31, commensurate with the new school proposal reaching full enrollment at-scale, total funding of \$4,262,397. \$690,069 of this \$4,262,397 will be contributed through local share funding. This \$690,069 represents 1.30% of Central Falls total reported FY19 expenditures *Total Pupil Funding Projections, Commensurate with Expansion Proposal: North Providence*

Fiscal Year	Proposed Charter Projected Enrollment		Projected Total Local Share Pupil Funding commensurate	Projected Total Local Share Per Pupil Funding as % of local FY19	Projected Total Pupil Funding (Local+State+ Federal) commensurate	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique
	Total	North Providence	with new charter proposal	Total Expenditures ^x	with new charter proposal	Costs (to district)
2022-23 (Year 1)	166	17	\$118,524	0.19%	\$249,577	\$31,552
2026-27 (5 years)	1,510	151	\$1,052,772	1.71%	\$2,216,831	\$280,256
2030-31 (at scale)	2,186	219	\$1,526,868	2.48%	\$3,215,139	\$406,464

<u>Key implication:</u> RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2030-31, commensurate with the new school proposal reaching full enrollment at-scale, total funding of \$3,215,139. \$1,526,868 of this \$3,215,139 will be contributed through local share funding. This \$1,526,868 represents 2.48% of North Providence's total reported FY19 expenditures.

Total Pupil Funding Projections, Commensurate with Expansion Proposal: Providence

Fiscal Year	Proposed Charter Projected Enrollment		Projected Total Local Share Pupil Funding commensurate	Projected Total Local Share Per Pupil Funding as % of local FY19	Projected Total Pupil Funding (Local+State+ Federal) commensurate	Projected Total Withholding for Fixed or Unique
	Total	Providence	with new charter proposal	Total Expenditures ^{xi}	with new charter proposal	Costs (to district)
2022-23 (Year 1)	166	133	\$565,250	0.13%	\$2,401,448	\$42,560
2026-27 (5 years)	1,510	1,208	\$5,134,000	1.17%	\$21,811,648	\$386,560
2030-31 (at scale)	2,186	1,749	\$7,433,250	1.70%	\$31,579,944	\$559,680

<u>Key implication:</u> RIDE projects on an annual basis by FY2030-31, commensurate with the new school proposal reaching full enrollment at-scale, total funding of \$31,579,944. \$7,433,250 of this \$31,579,944 will be contributed through local share funding. This \$7,433,250 represents 1.70% of Providence's total reported FY19 expenditures.



ⁱ Enrollment Assumptions and Comparison based off 10/1/19 reported data publicly available through RIDE's FRED database.

- ix Total FY19 Central Falls Expenditures: \$53,083,735 (all expenditures based on most recent, audited UCOA data)
- x Total FY19 North Providence Expenditures: \$61,554,948 (all expenditures based on most recent, audited UCOA data)
- xi Total FY19 Providence Expenditures: \$438,019,645 (all expenditures based on most recent, audited UCOA data)

ii Inclusive of independent and catholic schools as available through RIDE's FRED database.

iii Academic Outcome data is based off published assessment results for 2019 available through the public Rhode Island Assessment Data Portal. *Data is suppressed to ensure confidentiality because the minimum reporting size requirement (10 students) is not met. **Data is suppressed to ensure confidentiality because greater than 95% of students did not meet expectations.

^{iv} Demand analysis is based on the most recent lottery data available through the RIDE Charter School Applicant Report. Reporting sizes of less than 10 are suppressed for student privacy.

v Assumes constant local per-pupil funding, net of a constant withholding for fixed or unique costs.

vi Assumes constant state per-pupil funding.

vii Federal funding assumed constant and based off district averages.

viii Withholding for fixed or unique costs is the greater of either: 1) 7% of the per-pupil local share funding; or, 2) the per-pupil value of the districts' fixed or unique costs district's statutorily defined expenditure categories minus the average expenses incurred by all public schools of choice for those same categories of expenses. For those districts whose greater reduction occurs under the calculation of (2), there shall be an additional reduction to payments to mayoral academies with teachers who do not participate in the state teacher's retirement system under chapter 8 of title 36 equal to the per-pupil value of teacher retirement costs attributable to unfunded liability as calculated by the state's actuary for the prior preceding fiscal year. Assumed constant in projections.